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1. (currently amended): A head cover ~~for~~ with golf club assembly comprising:

a golf club having a head;

a cover body formed essentially of flexible, non-rigid material, the cover body defining an inner compartment ~~to accommodate a~~ accommodating the head, the body also defining a lower portion for surrounding at least a portion of a shaft of the golf club and formed with at least first and second longitudinal edges generally parallel to the shaft, the edges meeting each other in a closed configuration, the edges being distanced from each other in an open configuration; of a golf club and defining an opening of sufficient size for the head of the golf club to be inserted into and removed from the inner compartment;

at least a first elongated magnetic fastener positioned along the first edge; and

at least a second elongated magnetic fastener positioned along the second edge and being attracted to the first magnetic fastener to hold the edges together in the closed configuration, about the opening to at least partially shut the opening.

2. (withdrawn and amended): An assembly ~~head cover~~ as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the lower portion of the cover body includes a flap ~~disposed about the opening~~ and a fastener region disposed about the opening, spaced apart from the flap; and

the magnetic fastener includes a first magnet disposed in the flap and a second magnet disposed in the fastener region such that the first and second magnets engage one another in the closed configuration ~~to at least partially shut the opening.~~

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3. (currently amended): An assembly head cover as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the magnetic fastener includes first and second magnetic strips, each disposed in respective first and second edges, ~~corresponding elongated edges positioned about the opening of the cover body;~~
and

~~the first and second magnetic strips can engage one another to at least partially shut the opening.~~

4. (currently amended): An assembly head cover as defined in claim 3, wherein the magnetic strips each comprise a plurality of magnets.

5. (currently amended): An assembly head cover as defined in claim 4, wherein, the magnetic strips each comprise at least four magnets disposed in a conforming sleeve.

6. (currently amended): An assembly head cover as defined in claim 1, wherein the cover body comprises a cushioned inner liner and an outer cover.

7, 8 (canceled).

9. (withdrawn and amended): An assembly head cover as defined in claim 6, wherein:

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the lower portion of the cover body includes a flap defining at least one of the edges, disposed about the opening and having a magnetic region disposed about the opening, spaced apart from the flap; and

~~the magnetic fastener includes a first magnet disposed in the flap and a second magnet disposed in the magnetic region such that the first and second magnets engage one another to at least partially shut the opening.~~

10. (currently amended): A head cover for golf club assembly comprising:
a golf club head;

a cover body having an inner liner and an outer cover, both formed essentially of flexible, non-rigid material defining an compartment holding the head to accommodate a head of a golf club and defining an elongated closable opening of sufficient size for the head of the golf club to be inserted into and removed from the inner compartment, the opening defining at least one pair of first and second elongated edges, the edges being generally parallel to each other; and

a magnetic fastener having first and second elongated magnetic portions spaced apart from one another and arranged along respective edges, the magnetic portions attracting each other to hold the edges together adjacent to the opening such that the first and second magnetic portions can engage one another to at least partially shut the opening.

11. (withdrawn and amended): A head cover for golf club assembly head cover as defined in claim 10, wherein:

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the cover body includes
a flap disposed about the opening having the first magnetic portion disposed therein, and
a fastener region disposed about the opening, spaced apart from the flap, and having the
second magnetic portion disposed therein; and
the flap overlaps the fastener region such that the first and second magnets ~~engage~~ attract one
another to at least partially shut the opening.

12. (currently amended): A head cover for golf club assembly as defined in claim 10, wherein:
~~the cover body comprises a pair of elongated edges disposed on opposing sides of the opening~~
~~that at least partially define the opening, when unengaged; and~~
the first and second magnetic portions are magnetic strips disposed in the elongated edges of
~~cover body~~ such that the magnetic strips can ~~engage~~ attract one another to at least partially secure the
opening.

13. (currently amended): A head cover for golf club assembly as defined in claim 12, wherein the
magnetic strips each comprise a plurality of magnets.

14. (currently amended): A head cover for golf club assembly as defined in claim 12, wherein the
magnetic strips each comprise a plurality of magnets disposed in heat shrink tubing.

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15. (currently amended): A head cover for golf club assembly as defined in claim 14, wherein the pair of elongated edges ~~is are~~ defined by a pair of elastic cords attached to the inner liner and the outer cover, the elastic cords having the magnetic strips disposed therein.

16. (currently amended): The ~~golf club~~ head cover for golf club assembly of claim 1, wherein the inner compartment is sized and configured to conform generally to ~~the head of a golf club~~ [[a]] the head of a golf club.

17. (new) A method for engaging a golf club head cover with a golf club, comprising:
forming the head cover with an upper portion configured to receive a head of the golf club
and a lower portion configured to surround a shaft of the golf club;
establishing at least one elongated slit in the lower portion, the slit being manually movable
to an open configuration, wherein at least one pair of opposed edges of the slit are distanced from
each other such that the golf club can be received into and removed from the head cover, the slit
being movable to a closed configuration, wherein the edges are held together;
moving the slit to the open configuration;
engaging the head cover with the club;
moving the slit to the closed configuration; and
using at least first and second magnetic assemblies mounted in the head cover to attract each
other to hold the edges together and thereby establish the closed configuration.

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